## SENTINEL

Vienna and the Viennese. B.Fletch er Robinson, in "Cassell's Magazine."

There is a fascination about Vienna that no one can resist. It is the proudest of Imperial cities, the guardian of all that is left of the feudal past, the capital of the strangest conglomeration of nations ever welded into a European Empire since the time of the Romans. For centuries it was the frontier fortress of Christendom, behind the stout walls of which the followers of the Cross gathered to give battle to the fanatics of the Crescent. It is still the meeting place of the East and West, where, on the Prater, or in the broad boule vards, the Austrian noble, whose ancestors fill pages of the 'Alman-ach de Gotha,' rub shoulders with the Slav and the Czech, the Mag yar and the Bosnian. The Viennese are the gayest and

most laughter-loving of people. To them, more, perhaps, than to any other nation, the easy going cafe life appeals. In the summer they crowd the Prater, the finest public park in Europe, and in the pleasant shade of chestnuts and acacias sip their beer and criticise the gallant equipages that whirl along before them; they throng the city gardens and dine in the little restaurants, while military bands make perfect music; they scale the woodland eyrie of Kahlenberg, and sup on the broad verancas that overlook the city; they drive to Imperial Schoenbrunn, and saunter away the long evenings in the palace gardens. In the winter no good citizen is without his regular cafe; to his favorite little table within its hospitable doors he clings as closely as to his religion. He is known as a Stamm. sts, a fixed guest, whose wants take precedence in the eyes of the waiters ever those of mere casual visitors. His cafe is his club. It is here that he meets his circle of friends and discusses, with equal avidity, his meals and his politics. In the evening there is a very embarras d'amusements. For lovers of music a feast of melody is prepared; for the light hearted an ever changing kaleidoscope of fun and frolic presents itself. There are operas and plays, concerts and music halls, entertainments, carnivals and public dances. It is scarcely surprising that, during the season, Vienna has established a reputation for gaiety second only to that of the fair queen of frivol-

ity, Paris itself. This temperament of the Viennese, this careless manner in which they are content to look on while others writhe and toil and push and strain, is at the bottom of the anti Semitic question which is to-day agitating the city. They hate the Jew, for they see in him all the qualities which they themselves ack. He personifies steady ap plica ion, calm calculation and ultimate commercial success. He alone amongst them does not spend half day drinking and gossiping in cafes. And thus it comes about that he is regarded as a kind of business "blackleg," who, when half the city has struck work, goes plodding on, taking the beer out of the mouths of the others, and the price of opera stalls out of their pockets. In return, that born demagogue, Dr. Lueger, the mayor, and his friends have given

the Jews a remarkably bad time of it according to the best trade union precedents. \* \* \* In an angle made by the Ausstellungs Allee and the Haunt-Allee is a small park formerly known as the Kaisergarten. Some five years ago it was bought by a private company, who started a series of exhibitions similar to those to which we are accus omed at Earl's Court "Venice" is the present subject; but it needs no particular description. There are the usual canals, gondolas, gondoliers, restaurants, bands, theatres and side shows. Outside its walls, however, lies the Wurstel Prater, which presents, on a fete day, a spectacle equally interesting and amusing. It is a permanent fair; a town, theatres, booths and shows of all kinds. But, unlike the majority of our English fairs, the surroundings are charming and the people seem to give themselves up to the fun as if they were born with a talent for being easily amused, with the naked eye until it was The good Viennese have poured reduced to the thinnest of cresout of the town bent on a frolic, and they will joke with a stranger, gathered together on a bit of rising ride on a merry go round, roll ground just outside the station, cocoanuts and dance with their armed with pieces of broken glass sweethearts without bothering their heads about their appear- over lamps. This was the only ance. What a strange mixture of medium through which you could races is to be found in that merry crowd! Here you will see the true | By the time the glasses were need-Viennese loafer, lounging along less there was only a sort of glowwith his patched felt hat, cocked at | ing moonlight over everything and a rakish slant, his long black cigar it was perceptibly colder. Sudand red necktie with flying ends; there a bluejacketed Hungarian stares open mouthed around him, of the moon showed, with a faint his stalwart wife in high top boots | white ring round it. The small and the shortest of skirts leaning on his arm. A broad shouldered highlander from the Tyrol elbows of totality the whole sky darkened his way along in his tull national suddenly and two or three stars dress of tight knickerbockers with came out. The darkness was as bows at the knee, thick ribbed sudden as when the gas is turned stocking, short shell jacket, and off. There was just a glow round round telt hat, wherein a tuft of the horizon, and the light was a feathers, held in a silver clasp, pro- sort of faint moonlight, but shad claims his clan. Sallow Poles jostle barrel bodied Germans, and | utes and the reappearance of the prown, keen eyed Italians. Soldiers are everywhere, their uni torms splashing the throng with loud cheer from the assembled dabs of color. The energy of the Britishers All that you read in merry makers is marvellous, books about the birds going to Though the afternoon sun may be roost and the flowers closing up at pouring down from cloudless skies, | an eclipse is quite true, I have seen the fun stays not a moment. Some row in mechanical boats, others effect of the unaccustomed darkpedal as for dear life on station- ness upon the natives is exaggerary cycles. The adventurous ated. Perhaps those that I saw, mount a fiery eyed dragon that being under the protection of the rolls in and out of a dark cavern sahib log, teared nothing; anyhow with much loud rumbling of when we reached the station (after wheels. Shooting galleries echo a long walk) where my servant to the long fusillade, dancing had prepared dinner for my friends saloons tremble to the tread of and myself, the faithful retainer ponderous boots. When ex- said he was enjoying himself imhausted nature at length cries for mensely-poor beggar! He had repose, the tree shaded Biergarten nearly g t frozen the night before repose, the tree shaded Biergarten welcomes the revellers. There in the train. - Extract from a Pri-

they sit at ease while vast breakers vate Letter.

of the lightest of beers circulate with a rapidity little short of mar-

Within the city itself are many gardens to which the citizens resort daily during the summer. With the richer classes the Stadt Park is the most popular. On a raised terrace at the southern end stands a large Kursalon, where through the spring and summer concerts are held. M litary bands, the members of which have undergone long and careful training at the Government expense, play alternately with an orchestra conducted by a member of the famous Straus family. On either side of the central concert hall are comfortable dining rooms; thus, at one and the same time, the visitor may eat an excellent dinner, listen to good music, and from the tall French windows admire the gardens that lie beneath the terrace on which the Kursalon is built. Beautiful these gardens certainly are, Flower beds blaze with the rich colors of tulips and hyacinths; shady walks wind away in the distance betw en banks of laurels and rhododendrons; while through scattered groves of acacias and limes the quiet waters of a lake, flecked with white tufts of gliding swans, flash in the pleasant sun-

Towards Vienna and her people Englishmen should have no feelings that are not friendly They have been our allies in the past, and may be so again in the future. We see but little of them, for they are content to stay at home. The nobles see no reason why they should travel to countries where sixteen quarterings do not inspire immediate respect; the middle classes have heard that our music and our manners are alike chilling. But there is no reason why we should not visit them; they are always delighted to see us. FRENCH MILK .- The announce-

ment that arrangements have been

made to place large supplies of

French milk upon the English mar

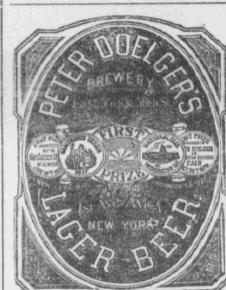
ket will be received with mingled

feelings. If it has the effect of owering the present somewhat high price of this commodity, we do not think that the consumer will much object; but there can be but i tle doubt that the Br tish farmer will be loud in his lamentations, and will crave for protection for his industry. When this question comes to be discussed, as it surely will do, it should be clearly borne in mind that it is the consumer who requires protection rather than the farmer, and that until the latter can show that he is prepared to supply pure milk i is idle for him to ask for foreign milk to be kept out of the country. The statement is made that the milk which is being, and is expected to be, imported from Normandy is preserved by the addition of some secret prepar ation, and that there is no guarantee that the milk may not come from farms the inmates of which eases. These are perfectly valid obj ctions; but, with the case of the Clifton outbreak so recenly before us, it is no use our pretend ing that that milk is inadmissible to our markets unless it has a warranty. As to the use of preservatives, while we would cordially support any measure to abolish the use of them altogether, we cannot admit tor a moment that English milk possesses any superiority so far as their presence is concerned. In France the use of chemicals as preservatives of food is prohibited absolutely; Germany and many others countries have also legislated against it; while the fact that some of the largest milk supply companies in London and the provinces entirely forbid it shows that there is no necessity for its use in this country. If the English farmers wish to put an end to the introduction of foreign milk, let them promote a bill absolutely prohibiting the use of preservatives. They will then have the market argely to themselves, but to ask for the prohibition of foreign milk on the plea that the ordinary aver age English milk is of superior purity has about it a dash of the absurd .- London Hospital.

THE ECLIPSE OF THE SUN IN INDIA .- The eclipse was a great success. It was at midday, with the sun blazing high up in the sky. You could not look at the sun cents. All the excursionists were which had been heavily smoked look through the partial eclipse. denly the horns of the crescent shortened, and the whole outline remaining piece of sun rapidly diminished, and just at the instant owless. This lasted for two minsun, as sudden as its total eclipse, was greeted, like the totality, by a it-moi qui vous parle; but the







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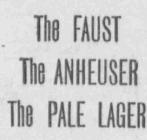
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